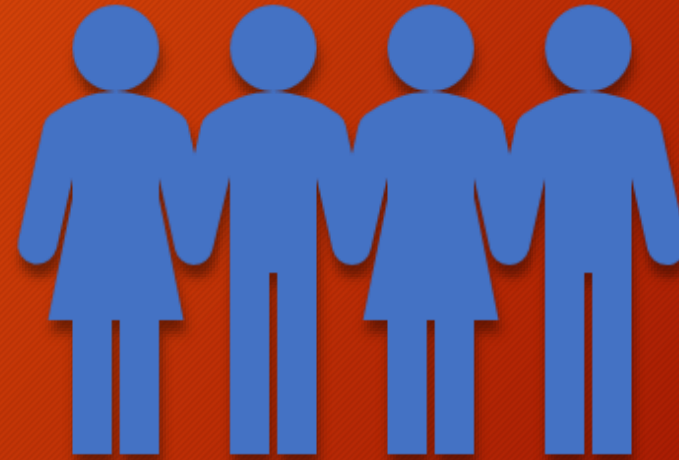


# Cybersecurity for Emergency Managers

Alaska Spring  
Preparedness Conference  
2019

# Cybersecurity is everyone's problem

- Cybersecurity is NOT just IT's problem.
  - IT
  - Emergency Management
  - Law Enforcement
  - And everyone in your organization



# The threat

- Malicious vs unintentional
- Active attacks
- Data breaches
- Human error
- Cyber warfare

**Atlanta spending \$2.7 million on ransomware cyber attack; ransom was \$50,000**

Updated 6:57 AM; Posted 6:43 AM

**Every State Now Has a Data Breach Notification Law**

BY STATELINE | APRIL 3, 2018

**Security firm: All it took was \$35 and a laptop to hack SF emergency alert system**

By **Bill Disbrow** Updated 3:14 pm PDT, Tuesday, April 10, 2018

**Baltimore's 911 system hit with cyber hack**

TUE, MAR 27

For 17 hours on Saturday, Baltimore's automated 911 system was hacked and offline as dispatchers were forced to take over manual operations.



**City of Loganville - Government**  
about 3 weeks ago

The City of Loganville values the privacy of your information which is why, as a precautionary measure, we are letting customers know about a security incident that may involve your personal information. Officials recently discovered that on or about March 15, 2018, a city server may have been breached by an outside person or entity. The data accessed may have included personal information such as Social Security numbers and/or banking information. It does not appear that t... [See More](#)

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## Ransomware Attack Information Hub



## RANSOMWARE ATTACK Information Hub

**THE CITY OF SAMMAMISH IS STILL IN A STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO THE RANSOMWARE ATTACK WE FIRST BECAME AWARE OF ON JANUARY 23, 2019.**

We are committed to making sure that employees and the public are kept informed as our cross-functional team continues its work to assess what happened and how best to protect our city from not just this attack, but others we may face in the future.

While some customer applications are disabled, the City continues to operate and is open for business on behalf of our residents. City employees and residents are encouraged to visit this site regularly for updates.

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS)

**UPDATED MARCH 4, 2019, AT 2:49 P.M.**

**Q. Is the City still in a state of emergency?**

A. Yes; we have made some progress but will be in a state of emergency until we are completely out of this situation.

# ';--have i been pwned?

Check if you have an account that has been compromised in a data breach

\*\*\*\*@\*\*\*\*\*.com|

pwned?

Oh no — pwned!

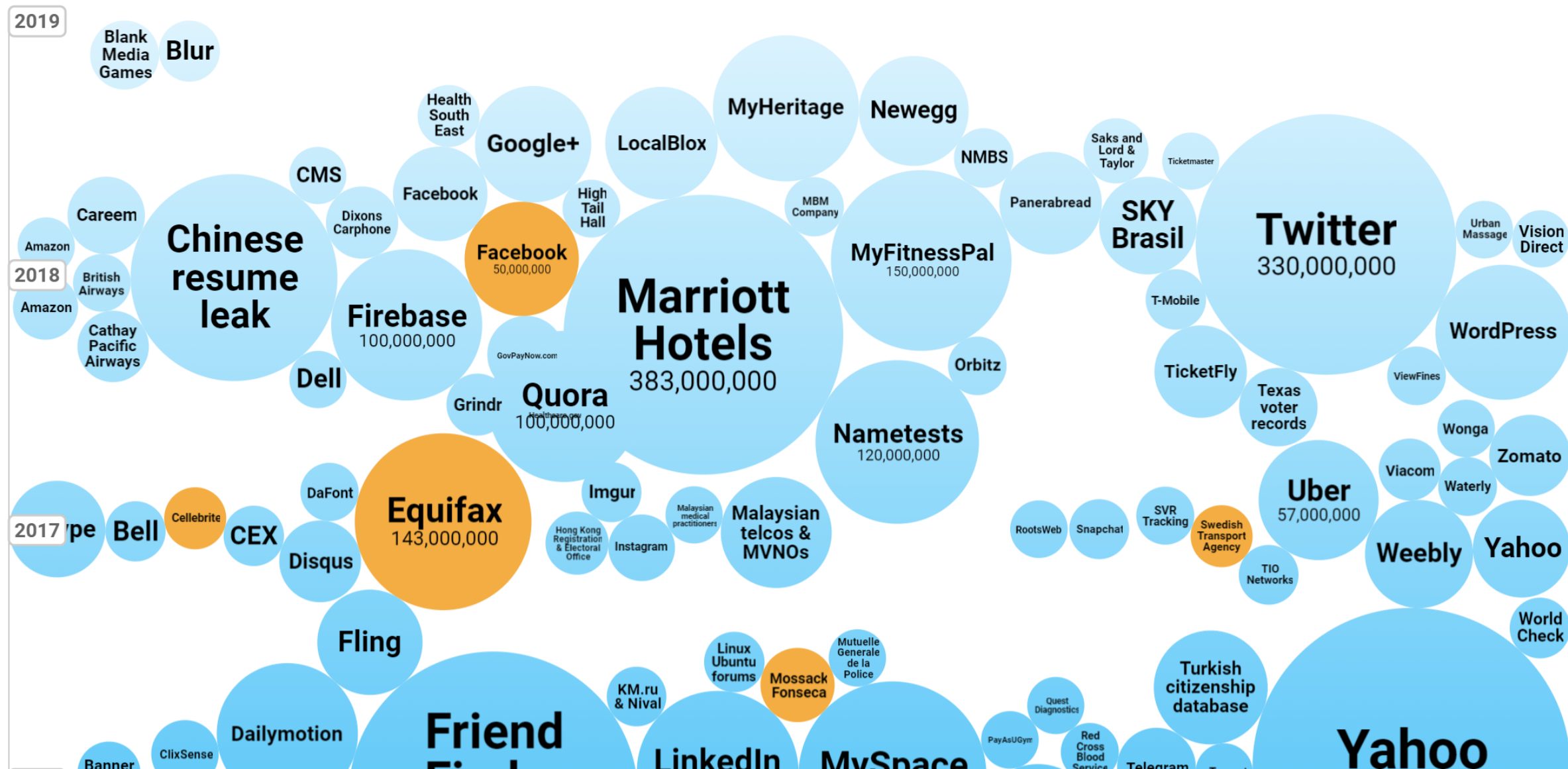
Pwned on 16 [breached sites](#) and found no [pastes](#) ([subscribe](#) to search sensitive breaches)

(updated 1st Feb 2019)

Interesting Story

Colour YEAR DATA SENSITIVITY Filter

Search...





359

pwned websites

7,840,611,051

pwned accounts

92,853

pastes

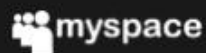
113,337,856

paste accounts

## Largest breaches

772,904,991 [Collection #1 accounts](#)

verifications.io

763,117,241 [Verifications.io accounts](#)711,477,622 [Onliner Spambot accounts](#)593,427,119 [Exploit.In accounts](#)457,962,538 [Anti Public Combo List accounts](#)393,430,309 [River City Media Spam List accounts](#)359,420,698 [MySpace accounts](#)234,842,089 [NetEase accounts](#)164,611,595 [LinkedIn accounts](#)161,749,950 [Dubsmash accounts](#)

## Recently added breaches

760,561 [DataCamp accounts](#)808,330 [Knuddels accounts](#)52,623 [Demon Forums accounts](#)871,190 [Everybody Edits accounts](#)3,073,409 [Intelimost accounts](#)11,657,763 [Whitepages accounts](#)14,867,999 [500px accounts](#)3,830,916 [Bookmate accounts](#)28,510,459 [HauteLook accounts](#)15,025,407 [8fit accounts](#)

# Lifecycle





# Prevention

- What have you done to prepare?
  - What policies are in place?
  - What training is in place?
  - How are the policies enforced?
- THINGS YOU MUST HAVE
  - Emergency Operations Plan
  - Cybersecurity Policy
  - Acceptable Use Policy

# Password Managers

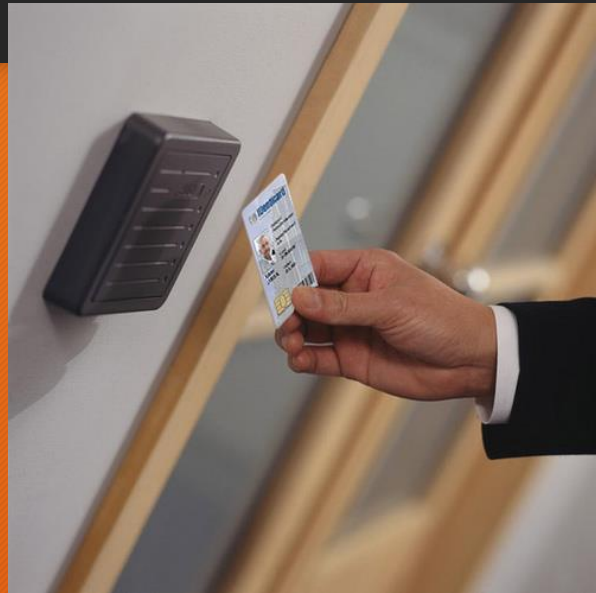


Electronics › Storage

## **The Best Password Managers**

<https://thewirecutter.com/reviews/best-password-managers/>

# Protection



**2FA**  
TWO-FACTOR AUTHENTICATION

**ANTI VIRUS**



# Mitigation

- What steps have you taken?
- What steps can you take?
- Insurance
- Backups
- Redundancy
- Monitoring
  - <https://haveibeenpwned.com>
- Early Reporting
- Training

# Response

Do you have a response plan?

Does everybody know how to recognize an incident?

Does your staff know what to do if they suspect an incident?

Who do you call for help?

# Recovery



**What's your recovery plan?**

Beyond just the technology



**Who do you call for help?**



# Sample Incident annex

Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan  
Major Cyber Incident Annex

## Primary Department

Information Technology

## Support Departments/Divisions

Emergency Management  
Police  
All Other Departments

## INTRODUCTION

### I. Background

The City uses a variety of systems, services, and devices that rely upon both internal and external computer networks in order to function properly. These networks as a whole are commonly referred to “cyberspace” and failures in them, regardless of cause, are commonly referred to as “cyber incidents”. Cyber incidents have the potential to disable city services, release non-disclosable information to unknown parties, and create public safety issues, among other things.



<https://1drv.ms/w/s!At2Gwcs7z-oh3Ubt7QNXAZ-HHeM2>

# References

- National Cyber Incident Response Plan, Department of Homeland Security, 2016
- Computer Security Incident Handling Guide (Revision 2) National Institute of Standards and Technology, 2012
- Washington State Significant Cyber Incident Annex, Washington Military Department - Emergency Management Division, 2015
- ISO/IEC 27032 - Information Technology - Security techniques - Guidelines for cybersecurity, International Standards Organization, 2012

# Annex Parts



## Policies

Sets expectations



## Situation/ Assumptions

Requires all components to be in place



## Concept of Operations

Will require local discussion



## Responsibilities

EM/IT/LE  
Expect some pushback



# Major Cyber Incident Checklist

- Action items
  - Pre-Incident Phase
  - Response Phase
  - Recovery/Demob Phase

Develop an Incident Action Plan ( <i>recurring</i> ). This document is developed by the Planning Section and approved by the EOC Manager. The Incident Action Plan should be discussed at regular intervals and modified as the situation changes.	ICS Form 202: Incident Objectives, ICS Form 203: Organization Assignment List, ICS Form 204: Assignment List, ICS Form 205: Incident Radio Communications Plan, ICS Form 206: Medical Plan, Safety Message, Incident Map
Implement objectives and tasks outlined in the IAP ( <i>recurring</i> ).	
Coordinate with private-sector partners as needed.	
<b>RECOVERY/DEMOBILIZATION PHASE</b>	
Ensure an orderly demobilization of emergency operations in accordance with current demobilization and community recovery plans.	ICS Form 221: Demobilization Plan
Activate, if necessary, the appropriate recovery strategies, continuity of operations <u>plans</u> , and/or continuity of government plans.	Continuity of Operations/Government plans

# Common Issues



Most entities lack a comprehensive cybersecurity policy that vests responsibility with every employee.



Those that have policies don't enforce them



A greater number of incidents occur than are reported in any formal way



Lack of response plans leads to slow recognition, response, recovery.



Lack of individual security leaves entire organization at risk

# Human Factor

## Phishing, social engineering

- Enabled by agency and employee use of social media and other things

## Careless info access/dissemination

- Public spaces
- Public wifi
- Unlocked computers
- Lack of caution



# Social Engineering



# Social Media

Names

Personal details

Personal details  
provided by  
third parties

Account  
spoofing

Operational  
details shared

# Meet Desai





# Meetkumar Hiteshbhai Desai

- Investigators traced the calls and discovered they originated from a link posted to Twitter and YouTube. The link was to a site named "Meet Desai" and its domain was hosted out of San Francisco. When the link was clicked, it continually called 911 and would not let the caller hang up.
- His page received 151,000 hits
- Desai said his intent was to make a non-harmful, yet annoying, bug that was meant to be funny, officials said.

- Surprise Police Department notified the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office of more than 100 hang-up 911 calls within a few minutes.
- The volume put authorities "in immediate danger of losing service to their switches."
- The emergency systems for the nearby Peoria Police Department and the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office also received a large number of repeated calls.
- Agencies in California and Texas were also affected.

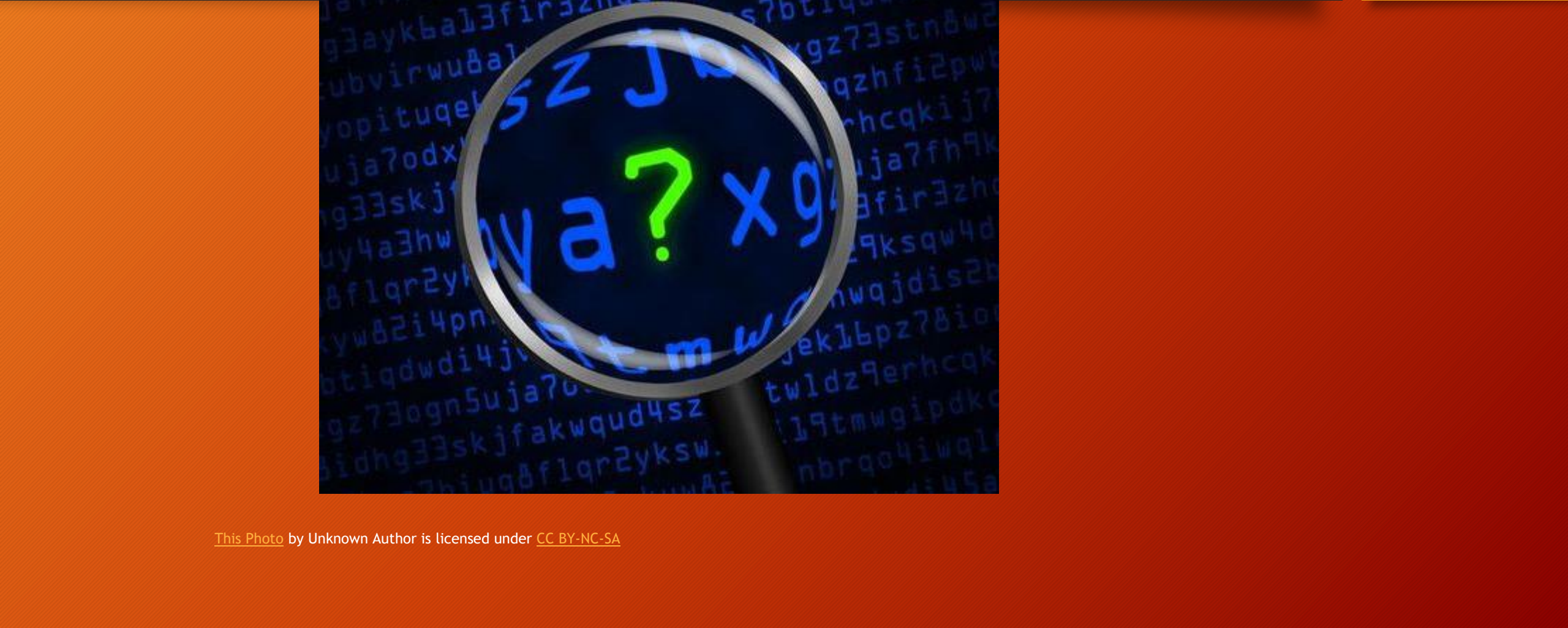
It was not  
funny

# OCTOBER 10, 2017

Meetkumar Desai, age 19, was sentenced to 3 years supervised probation for carrying out a reckless cyberattack on 911 emergency call systems in Maricopa County.

Authorities will also be able to monitor Desai's computer while he is on probation.





# QUESTIONS?

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